

LAMAR REFUSES TO REVEAL REAL NAME

Also Says \$250,000 Received From Rintelen Was for Stock Transactions.

HE EXPECTS TO BE SUED

Refutes Testimony of Government Witnesses as to Strike Activities.

The \$250,000 that David Lamar is said to have received from Capt. Franz von Rintelen, the German agent, was the subject yesterday of a red-hot cross-examination in which Lamar, seated next to Special Prosecutor John Lord O'Brien. It came at the end of a long day's session at the trial in the United States District Court of Lamar, Rintelen and five members of Labor's National Peace Council for alleged conspiracy to foment strikes in munition plants for the purpose of stopping the shipment of arms to the Allies.

Lamar would up by saying he had acted as a broker for Rintelen in stock transactions and is anticipating a suit for an accounting. "I can't say whether I got \$250,000 or \$300,000," he asserted, "unless I am allowed to carefully go over my books. You will have to take handcuffs off me and permit me to go to Pittsfield, Mass., and to Washington to overhaul all my papers and accounts if you expect me to tell what money I received."

Stock Deal a Surprise.

It is the Government's contention that the money paid Lamar by Rintelen was to be used in furtherance of the strikes he is charged with having planned. Lamar has admitted getting "some money" from Rintelen, but asserts that it was to be devoted to legitimate propaganda work and not to fomentation of strikes. His assertion yesterday that he also received money for stock transactions was a surprise to the Government.

Albert Massey, attorney for Rintelen, took occasion to inform the court that his client had no objection whatever to all of his dealings with Lamar being made public. Mr. Massey is the least active of all counsel in the case, his client taking everything with a seeming indifference.

Lamar's cross-examination was unappearing and delved deeply into his past history, at times to his chagrin, at other times to his amusement. When Mr. O'Brien asked him the name of his birthplace he replied "I can't remember." When asked why he had at one time gone under the name of "David Lewis" he answered with flushed countenance, "For the purpose of evading entanglements with a lady."

"What is your real name?" Mr. O'Brien asked, and Lamar, frowning angrily, said: "I decline to tell my real name, because it might mar the happiness of one now comfortably married."

When Mr. O'Brien then the name of Lamar's business experiences, tracing his wanderings from Atlanta, Ga., where he was president of an insurance company twenty-five years ago, to Omaha, Neb., and other Western cities where he engaged in the stationery business, and to New York's financial district, where he entered the employ of Russell Sage, bating him about various details, Lamar became enraged.

"Mr. O'Brien," he shouted at the

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prosecutor, "I'm not going to let you, by any innuendo, create false impressions before this jury."

Repeatedly when his lawyer, Col. M. Martin Dolphin, arose to object to certain questions, Lamar called to him, "Let him ask it, Mr. Dolphin. I've nothing to conceal."

He found his conviction for impersonation of Representative Palmer a subject for grim humor, and insisted upon explaining to the jury how his appeal had fallen down because his lawyers "were fighting like a lot of cats and dogs."

He told how two appeals had been taken, one to the Circuit Court of Appeals and the other to the United States Supreme Court; how the appeal in the lower court was dismissed because of the one pending in the higher court, and how the one in the United States Supreme Court was then thrown out because the case had not come from the Circuit Court of Appeals. "It was the most peculiar thing that ever happened in the history of the United States," he said, "and that's why I am to-day a convict in the eyes of the law, that is why I was sent to Atlanta Federal prison to serve a sentence of two years."

Earlier in the day, under direct examination by his own lawyer, Lamar refuted testimony given by Andrew D. Meloy, a Government witness, of his professed connection with strikes in munition plants. He told of seeing his fellow defendant, Henry B. Martin, frequently in connection with affairs of Labor's National Peace Council, which he was instrumental in organizing, but denied having had any dealings whatever with any of the other defendants.

Testimony of Miss Pannell Ayres, a stenographer, that she had seen two of the defendants, Frank Buchanan and H. Robert Fowler, in his company, he characterized as "erroneous," asserting that prior to the time of his indictment with these men he had not spoken with either of them in more than two years.

Daniels Won't Be Called.

Lamar's efforts to call all the lights of the national capital to testify to his anti-trust activities for the purpose of substantiating his assertion that he is being persecuted by "big business" received a shock yesterday when Judge Cushman refused to compel the attendance in court of Secretary of the Navy Daniels.

Mr. Daniels had telegraphed the court that, although subpoenaed by Lamar, he knew nothing about the case, and that his presence was needed in Washington.

Lamar still has Attorney-General Gregory and several Senators under subpoena, though, and is trying to get a paper served upon William Jennings Bryan, whose name has figured in his testimony, as an exponent of the belief in war embargo, that he and Von Rintelen advocated.

Lee S. Overman, Senator from North Carolina, was called to tell of certain of his anti-trust activities.

The case will be resumed to-day.

STATE HAS 75,000 LESS YOUNG CATTLE

Mayor's Food Committee in Appeal to Stock Raisers and Abattoir Men.

MENACE TO FOOD SUPPLY

Slaughter of Calves and Other Animals Depreciated—Gardens Increase.

The Mayor's food supply committee, of which George W. Perkins is chairman, issued yesterday an appeal to the stock raisers and slaughter house men of the State to do everything in their power to prevent the destruction of calves, young pigs and young stock generally.

"We find," the committee said, "that the destruction in this direction is unusually large this spring. It is estimated that there are 75,000 less yearling cattle in this State to-day than there were a year ago. This is due to the prevailing high cost of feed and the high prices which can be obtained for beef, lamb, veal, chickens and pork at the present time."

"The destruction of the young animal life of this State will have a very serious and far reaching effect on our food supply in the next two or three years. There is no law in this State to deal with the situation; we are powerless, therefore, to do anything in the matter, but the question is such an important one that we feel impelled to make this appeal to you in the hope that many of you will feel it your patriotic duty to correct the present situation so far as it lies in your power."

Plough 745 Acres for Gardens.

At a meeting of the sub-committee on food gardens in the office of its chairman, Frank L. Dowling, president of the Board of Aldermen, yesterday it was reported that in the past three weeks a total of 745 acres in the five boroughs have been apportioned and made ready for cultivation. Land has been ploughed as follows: The Bronx, 75 acres; Manhattan, 100 acres; Richmond, 100 acres; Brooklyn, 40 acres. An additional 30 acres have been called in The Bronx for the purposes of the Board of Education. With the exception of Manhattan the figures do not include small gardens.

About 750 plots have been apportioned to individuals in Queens and 1,000 gardens are being planted under the auspices of the Flushing Community Gardens Committee.

The objects of the Club Farms, incorporated, which will cultivate 400 acres near Garden City, L. I., were explained yesterday to the presidents of twenty leading clubs at a luncheon given by the Lawyers Club.

Capital to Be Increased.

Members of the Lawyers' Club have subscribed to the major part of the club's \$50,000 capital stock. It is proposed to increase the capitalization to enable the corporation to cultivate 2,000 acres. A resolution was adopted to send letters to all club presidents urging them to ask their members to subscribe as individuals. The club farms' acreage will be cultivated by expert labor in the employ of a nursery concern. A produce dealer has promised to distribute at cost all the produce that is raised. Perley Moore, secretary, and other officials of the Club Farms, incorporated, serve without salary.

PROMINENT WOMEN IN FOOD CRUSADE

Fifty to Strip Own Tables as Example to All.

They will cut their own midday meals to two courses and their evening meals to three courses, it was said, and will establish a bureau for the distribution of information "as to the cheapest and best food for the family."

"We ask the individual to eat plenty and waste nothing, for without this individual control we shall see a perilous and difficult situation arise from an unrestricted drain on the foodstuffs of this country," said an announcement of the committee yesterday. "This committee proposes to wage war on the small minority who feel that they can continue, unmindful of conditions, in their heinous waste and extravagance, and to fight through proper channels the food gamblers, who are reaping a great harvest and who are attempting the annihilation of the very life of our country."

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ITALIANS RESUME DRIVE ON TRIEST

Gains Made in Piava Area and Gorizia Hills—Prisoners Taken.

Rome, May 15.—The Italians took the offensive to-day. The War Office announced considerable progress was made in the Piava area, on the slopes of Monte Cucco and on the hills east of Gorizia and Verboziera. The Italians also made a thrust in the northern sector of the Carso. They reached the wrecked lines of the enemy east of Rosso Fatti and took prisoners. The statement says:

"Julian Front—From Tolmino to the sea the destructive fire of our artillery directed against strong enemy positions yesterday morning reached great intensity and was vigorously answered by numerous hostile batteries of all calibers. Toward noon our infantry made several raids on various points along the front, which led to considerable progress in the Piava area, on the slopes of Monte Cucco and on the hills east of Gorizia and Verboziera."

"At the same time our troops made a thrust in the northern sector of the Carso and reached the wrecked enemy lines east of Rosso Fatti, capturing prisoners. The infantry actions continue, supported by artillery and trench mortars, which are keeping the enemy artillery in check. Numbers of prisoners are beginning to arrive."

"The aircraft activity also was very considerable. A strong squadron of our airplanes dropped about 200 bombs on enemy positions and supply columns and on the enemy's line of communication east of Gorizia. Our airplanes, flying at about 500 meters, opened fire with their machine guns on enemy troops there assembled and dispersed them. All of our machines returned."

"On the remainder of the front the enemy attempted various attacks in force on our advanced positions northwest of Tolmino and on the Arlago plateau. All

were unsuccessful and resulted in severe casualties to our assailants."

ITALIANS IN REPULSE.

London, May 15.—The Austrian official communication says that after three days artillery preparation, an Italian attack was begun Monday against the Austrian Isonzo army on a front of more than twenty-five miles. The Italians at many points collapsed before the Austrian fire, says the communication, and at one point threw away their equipment and retreated in complete disorder. Wherever the Italians reached Austrian trenches they were repulsed in hand to hand fighting, and at some points were chased back to their own positions.

"In their strong defence yesterday," the communication says, "our troops achieved complete success. The enemy left in our hands more than 1,500 prisoners and several machine guns. The battle continues without interruption."

\$200,000 WAR GIFT HANDED TO BALFOUR

To Be Invested for English and Scots Widows—Donor's Name Secret.

No episode in his visit to this country caused Arthur J. Balfour, head of the British mission, more pleasure and gratification than notification yesterday that a modest donor had presented him with a check for \$200,000 to be invested for the benefit of the poor widows of England and Scotland whose children were

robbed of their fathers by the ravages of war. Announcement of the gift was made by Thomas W. Lamont, member of the banking firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. The check was received yesterday with the request that the name of the donor be kept secret, but that the fund is to be a memorial to the late Mr. and Mrs. D. Willis James of this city.

Mr. Lamont said that in no circumstances would he reveal the identity of the donor, but he gave out for publication copies of the letter which accompanied the check. The letter follows: "Enclosed please find my check for \$200,000, which I would thank you to hand to our country's distinguished

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